



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish  
1001 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64110

## SFX UPDATE – August 27, 2021

### All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish

**HEAT ALERT AT SFX Mass: The compressor on one of the two AC units that service the church has gone out. We are working with our vendor to determine the best way forward. For at least the next several weeks we will be able to chill the church to about 75 degrees, but it will feel warmer when the church is full.**

**Weekend temperatures are forecasted to be:  
91 degrees and sunny at 4 p.m. on Saturday  
77 degrees and mostly sunny at 8:00 a.m. Sunday  
83 degrees and mostly sunny by 11 a.m. Sunday  
Please plan accordingly. Thank you for your patience.**

#### **SFX COVID Policy for Masses**

Masks are required for everyone attending Mass.

If you come to the office for an appointment, masks are required as well.

**As always, please consult with your doctor/health care professionals about how best to proceed. If you choose not to attend Mass for health reasons, a Particular Dispensation applies, granted by the pastor, Fr. Jim.**

We have opened all the pews so please space yourselves accordingly to give one another some distance. When pews were roped off, it unintentionally forced people into a more crowded situation. Please be mindful of others. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Jim at [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org).

#### **Do you have friends who might enjoy our wonderful parish?**

If so, please consider sharing these weekly updates with your friends and family.

Also, invite them to:

Watch our Mass live on our [YouTube](#) channel and subscribe to our channel.

Follow our [St. Francis Xavier Facebook page](#) and [Justice & Life Facebook page](#).

#### **Pastor's Corner**

**Song for the week:** [Create in Me, The Acappella Company](#) This version of Psalm 51 sung by this group will hopefully lead you to still your heart and open yourself to God in prayer.

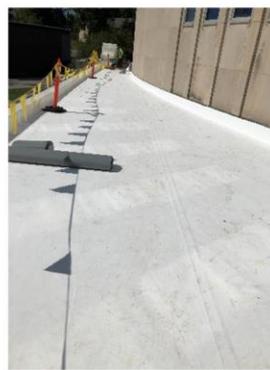
**Ministry of Greeters:** We are in need of people who wish to be greeters for all of our Masses. There have been a faithful few who have been part of this ministry. We truly

need more people to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Joan McMahon, [joankcmahon@gmail.com](mailto:joankcmahon@gmail.com).

**Music Ministry:** We are looking for people who might wish to be cantors for our weekend Masses. If you are interested, please email Laura Worms at [r.worms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.worms@sbcglobal.net). All potential cantors must audition.

**Men's Retreat Dec 9-12** at White House Retreat House in St. Louis. We have been allotted 18 slots. If you think you might be interested, please call Tom Bradshaw at 816-898-3006.

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### **IT'S HAPPENING! ROOF PROJECT ALMOST HALFWAY THERE!**

We learned today the roofers will finish the east side of the roof project today and will start tearing off the old roof on the west side this Monday. Progress! The workers come very early in the day to avoid the worst of the heat. Please say a prayer for the workers and all those who work outside in inclement weather.

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**PRAY FOR OUR SFX FAMILIES** Parenting in a pandemic is beyond hard. Remember our children, tweens, and teens AND THEIR PARENTS in your prayers as the new school year begins. And parents, check out these tips from Children's Mercy Hospital: pare down your expectations, ask for help, practice realistic self-care, find a routine, connect with purpose and practice gratitude. Find more at [Parenting in a Pandemic](#).

**IS GOD CALLING YOU to work with children, tweens or teens?** The pandemic has been (and continues to be) hard on all of us. We are looking for folks (teens and adults) to help rebuild our ministry with children, tweens or teens. Do you have creative ideas for how we might gather? All volunteers undergo a screening interview, a criminal background check, read and sign the "Ethics and Integrity in Ministry" Code of Conduct, and must be certified in "Protecting God's Children," the diocesan safe environment training program. For more information contact Mariann McCormally (816-523-5115 x 204 OR [mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)).

**SEPTEMBER PRAYER WALK Saturday, September 4, at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park** (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Boulevard and Woodland Avenue). **9:30 am.** Meet and share faith with parishioners. Discover (or rediscover) a new part of the city. Find God in All Things - east and west of Troost. All ages, strollers, and wheelchairs (and dogs on leashes) welcome. Rain or shine. And mark your calendars for October 2 for the next walk. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

**LOVE, LOSS and ENDURANCE: 9/11  
Twentieth Anniversary Prayer Service with Bill Tammeus  
St. Francis Xavier Church**

**Thursday, September 9, 2021, 7:00 pm**

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11. Join us **Thursday evening, September 9, 7:00 pm in the Church** for a time of prayer, reflection, remembrance and commitment to action. **Bill Tammeus**, author of "Love, Loss and Endurance: A 9/11 Story of Resilience and Hope in an Age of Anxiety" will give the reflection. Bill, former religion columnist for The Kansas Star, has written a powerful book about the personal loss his family suffered on that fateful day (his nephew was killed) and about the dangerous rise of religious extremism in our world. For more information contact Mariann McCormally ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)). To purchase a copy of the book contact Bill at [wtammeus@gmail.com](mailto:wtammeus@gmail.com). To learn more about the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, to view the Tribute Wall, and to leave your own remembrance [CLICK HERE](#). Sponsors by the SFX Adult Faith Formation Committee.

**SFXcellent WALKERS and RUNNERS** - We have blown past our \$500,\$1000 and \$1500 fundraising goals! Can we raise \$2000 for Catholic Charities? Many thanks to all who have joined the team and made a donation for the Outpace Poverty Walk/Run. It's not too late! Saturday, September 18. Theis Park. Go to [SFXcellent Walkers and Runners - Outpace Poverty 5k Run / Walk \(runsignup.com\)](#) to join the team OR to donate.

**JESUS, A PILGRIMAGE Parish Book Read** - This year, September – April, we will be reading James Martin, SJ book "Jesus, A Pilgrimage." And Father Martin will zoom in with us about half-way through! Interested in joining a group? Sign up [HERE](#) OR sign up in the back of church after the Masses this weekend. We have some copies of the book available for \$15. Please contact [Mariann](#) for more information. And click this link for a five-minute video: Father Martin's [Ten Things You Need to Know about Jesus](#).

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**ARC Meets this Sunday** – Our Anti-Racism Committee (ARC) meets this **Sunday, August 29 at 9:00 am in the Romero Room**. Come share your ideas about how we can combat racism in our personal lives, how we can be a more welcoming parish, and how we can take a stand in our community. Contact [Sue](#) for more information.

- **ARC Recommends** - A podcast from the makers of Serial and The New York Times, "Nice White Parents" looks at the 60-year relationship between white parents and the public school down the block. It's a 5-part series hosted by Chana Joffe-Walt from "This American Life." Click [HERE](#) to check it out!

**IRISH FEST! It's happening next weekend - September 3, 4 and 5!** The SFX Sister Parish Committee is again raising funds to assist in our mission with our Sister Parish, St. Martin de Porres in Belize City. We will be managing a beverage tent at the 2021 Irish Fest, located at Crown Center. Please plan to stop by and say hello!

**RIM Committee meets September 12 at 9:00 am** – Join this active group who works and advocates for the rights of refugees, immigrants, and migrants. We'll be looking at ways we can support the work of agencies accepting Afghan refugees, supporting those who work at the Southern border, promoting Fair Trade, and all issues affecting those who yearn for a better life.

**A note from parishioner, Peg Burns**

In the past 20 years I have developed curriculum materials on Jesus' Way of Peace which I would like to share with parishioners. Typically, small groups of children (must be healthy and able to read) meet in my home for 2-hour sessions, usually one time a week. All Diocesan Virtus protocols for safe environment are followed. Groupings are by age (something like 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders together; junior high together; high schoolers or a family together). If, because of Covid, interested folks would like to borrow some materials rather than meet, that is also an option. If you are interested, please email me at [pegburns00@gmail.com](mailto:pegburns00@gmail.com). My website is [Our Golden Thread](#). Though not all of the manipulative materials are shown there the website will give you an idea; it is designed for people who want to *make* the materials having seen them used in person.

This work, developed prior to the 4 Universal Apostolic Preferences, addresses each as the opposite of Jesus' way of peace (violence, war, conflict) drastically effects youth, the poor, the earth. Gospel Nonviolence requires a contemplative spirit. Meeting Jesus in prayer (contemplation) opens and moves us to His way of peace, into His heart. Link re Pope Francis' on nonviolence <https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2021/06/no-more-war-pope-continues-his-teaching-on-gospel-nonviolence/>

**Solidarity Newsletter** – Pick up your copy in the Narthex or [click here](#) to read it online!

**Shredding and Notary Services available** – Several parishioners have taken us up on these free services. Bring your important documents to our shred bin in the parish office during business hours (M-F 9:00-5:00) to safely dispose of them. Also, if you live in Missouri and need something notarized, contact Sue.

**Donations** – You always come through when there is a need. Here are the causes we are currently supporting. Thank you for the many ways you generously give!

- **Migrant Farmworkers** – A group will be heading to Lexington on August 30. If you have items to donate (beans, rice, hygiene kits, eyedrops, etc), please bring them to Mass or drop them off during business hours. Thank you for a summer of generous giving. Please continue to pray for the farmworkers working in the heat and elements.
- **Plastic** – Karen Stigers ([karen.stigers@gmail.com](mailto:karen.stigers@gmail.com)) is still collecting plastic bags which will be turned in to a park bench. Please contact her directly to manage donations.

- **Eyeglasses** – Donate your old eyeglasses at SFX to support the good work of the Lions Club. Look for the box in the Narthex.
- **Pill bottles** – We support Pet Resource Center of Kansas City (formerly KC Spay & Neuter) by collecting clean pill bottles. The bottles **must** have childproof caps, be non-opaque (they can't use the white ones), and the labels and sticky material must be removed. Check out their [website for other items they collect](#).
- **Can tabs** – Save your soda and beer can tabs and bring them to church. We'll take them to Ronald McDonald House.
- **Paper bags with handles** – Every bag of groceries we give out is double bagged in handled bags. Thank you for asking for paper bags when you shop and then donating them to us.



**SFX Swag** – We have a limited supply of really cool SFX swag that we continue to offer as a fundraiser for our Hearth Room furniture. When you use or wear something with the SFX logo, you are sharing who we are and what we are about with all you meet. Let others know about St. Francis Xavier – both the 16<sup>th</sup> century saint AND our wonderful parish! Contact [Sue](#) to get yours.

**NEW!** ball caps - \$20 (only 5 left!)  
 T-shirt - \$10 Small and Medium sizes only (navy blue - *Unity in Diversity*)  
 Thermal Tumblers - \$20 (silver)  
 Tote Bags - \$10 each

## Opportunities from our Apostolates and our Community

**Suicide Awareness Survivor Support Walk** - For those who have lost someone to a traumatic death by suicide, homicide, fire, accident, etc. All proceeds donated go for suicide awareness, education, prevention, and survivor support.

**September 12th, 2021**

Loose Park - 51st & Wornall, KCMO

Registration: 8:00am - Walk Starts: 9:00am

For more information, contact Bonnie Swade at (913) 681-3050 or by email at [bonnie@sass-mokan.com](mailto:bonnie@sass-mokan.com).

Waiting for Lefty - Postponed due to Covid.

**Kanbe's Markets** – Kanbe's Markets is a nonprofit organization providing access to fresh, affordable and healthy foods to people experiencing food insecurity. They need volunteers for their annual fundraiser on Sunday, September 19 anytime between 10-7 pm. If you would like to support this wonderful organization bringing fresh food to KC's food deserts, sign up [here](#).

## Summer Blessings!

*Ann, Becca, Fr. Jim, Fr. Steve, Mariann, Peggy, and Sue*

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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